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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Norwalk – Woman Gets 350 Years-to-Life for Deadly Crime Spree**

(U) A woman who shot at complete strangers during a deadly Southern California joyride has been sentenced to more than 350 years-to-life in prison. She was sentenced on 29 October in Norwalk for a murder, 14 attempted murders and a carjacking that occurred east of Los Angeles. According to Authorities on 29 April 2017, Reyna Gomez and her boyfriend carjacked a driver in Pico Rivera and drove around for hours, taking turns shooting at people and cars. Three people were wounded and one driver was killed.

SOURCE: 30 October 2018, [US News](#)

(U) Pasadena – Suspicious Device Found in Pasadena was Drug Paraphernalia

(U) A suspicious object that authorities initially feared was an explosive device attached to the bottom of a U-Haul truck in Pasadena on Monday was actually an apparatus to hide drugs. Pasadena police received a call about a suspicious package attached to a truck parked on the street. Authorities evacuated nearby businesses, while Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's bomb squad and federal authorities investigated the object. Authorities determined the cylindrical device, which measured between 6 and 8 inches long, was not an explosive, an empty plastic container affixed with magnets to the vehicle that was used to hide drugs.

SOURCE: 30 October 2018, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) San Luis Obispo - California Men's Colony Searching for Escaped Inmate

(U) The California Men's Colony has confirmed that an inmate escaped from the prison near San Luis Obispo. He was reportedly discovered to be missing during an inmate count on 29 October. It's believed he stole a prison van, and authorities are requesting anyone with information about Hall's whereabouts or who may have seen the van to call 911. The inmate was serving a five-year sentence for second-degree robbery out of Los Angeles County and was scheduled to be released on parole in December 2019.

SOURCE: 30 October 2018, [KSBY](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Arizona – Border Patrol Agent Charged with Smuggling Cocaine**

(U) Tucson – A United State Border Patrol agent is facing federal charges, after being accused of conspiracy to smuggle cocaine. According to court documents, on 18 September Ramon Antonio Monreal Rodriguez, exchanged nearly \$334,000 cash for 41-kilograms of cocaine near the San Miguel gate. On 22 September, he then transferred \$317,000 to a smuggler at the border. According to authorities, Monreal-Rodriguez's received \$66,000 and six-pounds of narcotics for taking part in the smuggling operation.

SOURCE: 29 October 2018, [News 4 Tucson](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) NATIONAL****(U) Maryland – Police Infiltrate Drug Ring, Bust Dealers with \$800K worth of Fentanyl, Heroin**

(U) Annapolis – Authorities have arrested 21 people in a large-scale drug bust of opioids, and found a deadly animal tranquilizer that's believed to be linked to at least one overdose death. The eight-month undercover investigation in Anne Arundel County resulted in one of the biggest drug busts in the county. According to authorities, they found nearly \$300,000 in cash, plus four guns, heroin and cocaine. They also found nearly nine grams of Xylazine, a tranquilizer used on large animals like cows and horses. The street value of the drugs estimate to be \$800,000. According to authorities, the drug ring of 21 people may have been mixing Xylazine into heroin and fentanyl to boost profits.

SOURCE: 30 October 2018, [CBS 13 Baltimore](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – Bensalem Township Police Seize Over \$1 Million of Heroin in Major Drug Bust

(U) Bensalem – The Bensalem Township Police Department has seized over \$1 million of heroin in two separate investigations in Bucks County. The first investigation involved three Mexican nationals who were arrested after investigators raided an establishment on 27 October. According to officials, Bensalem investigators and DEA Task Force seized two-kilos of raw heroin hidden in a speaker box. All three men were arraigned and sent to Bucks County jail. In a second investigation, officers seized a kilo of raw heroin during a routine traffic stop. Bensalem Police stopped a car for an equipment violation, during that stop officers observed signs of drug trafficking, a trained K-9 indicated that there was a scent of drugs and police immediately conducted a search and arrested the driver.

SOURCE: 30 October 2018, [CBS 3 Philly](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Denmark – Iranian Spy Service Suspected of Assassination Plot in Denmark**

(U) Copenhagen – On 30 October Denmark said it suspected Iranian government intelligence services of having attempted to carry out a plot to assassinate an Iranian Arab opposition figure on its soil. The alleged plot targeted the leader of the Danish branch of the Arab Struggle Movement for the Liberation of Ahvaz (ASMLA). This prompted Denmark to call for new European Union-wide sanctions against Iran. According to Swedish security, a Norwegian citizen of Iranian background was arrested in Sweden on 21 October in connection with the plot and was extradited to Denmark.

SOURCE: 30 October 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) El Salvador – New Migrant Caravan Departs Salvadoran Capital for US

(U) San Salvador – Approximately 2,000 migrants began walking north from El Salvador's capital on Wednesday, 31 October. The migrants departed in two groups, including men and women pushing strollers and others with children on their shoulders. On Sunday, a separate group comprising about 300 people set off for the US border from the Salvadoran capital. This is the latest of several groups trying to reach the US, even as the Trump Administration increases pressure to halt the flow of people. The US is sending 5,200 troops to its southern border as part of the President's crackdown on illegal immigration. The prospect has so far not discouraged people from leaving El Salvador.

SOURCE: 31 October 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Russia – Suspected Teenage Terrorist Blows Himself up in Federal Security Building

(U) Moscow – Russia opened an investigation into suspected terrorism after a 17-year-old youth blew himself up on 30 October in the lobby of an office belonging to Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB). The unnamed teenager had detonated a homemade bomb, killing himself and wounding three employees. Russian media published an unconfirmed warning posted by the bomber on social media

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before the blast. The bomber described himself as a communist anarchist and said he had decided to act because the FSB was fabricating cases and torturing people.

SOURCE: 31 October 2018, [Reuters](#)

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